

Hartford, Connecticut, on behalf of the National Association of Regional Councils; and Julia W. Gouge, Carroll County Commissioner, Carroll County, Maryland, on behalf of the National Association of Counties.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3386, to protect consumers from certain aggressive sales tactics on the Internet, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1938, to establish a program to reduce injuries and deaths caused by cellphone use and texting while driving, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3302, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish new automobile safety standards, make better motor vehicle safety information available to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the public, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3084, to increase the competitiveness of United States businesses, particularly small- and medium-sized manufacturing firms, in interstate and global commerce, foster job creation in the United States, and assist United States businesses in developing or expanding commercial activities in interstate and global commerce by expanding the ambit of the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership program and the Technology Innovation Program to include projects that have potential for commercial exploitation in nondomestic markets, providing for an increase in related resources of the Department of Commerce, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2847, to regulate the volume of audio on commercials, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 817, to establish a Salmon Stronghold Partnership program to conserve wild Pacific salmon;

S. 1748, to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

The nomination of Carl Wieman, of Colorado, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy; and

A promotion list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps and the Coast Guard.

SAFETY MEASURES FOR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues related to the

Department of the Interior's May 27th report entitled, Increased Safety Measures for Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf, including oversight of recent actions recommended by the Department to address the safety of offshore oil development, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary, Steve Black, Counselor to the Secretary, and David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, all of the Department of the Interior.

WATER POWER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 2891, to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, S. 2779 and H.R. 3671, bills to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, S. 3387, to provide for the release of water from the marketable yield pool of water stored in the Ruedi Reservoir for the benefit of endangered fish habitat in the Colorado River, and for other purposes, S. 3404, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to take actions to improve environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in Lake County, Colorado, and H.R. 4252, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Representative Baca; Timothy J. Meeks, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy; Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Richard S. Walden, Arizona Power Authority (APA), Phoenix; Kenneth L. Olsen, Lake County Commissioner, Leadville, Colorado; Andrew A. Mueller, Colorado River Water Conservation District, Ouray; George M. Caan, Colorado River Commission of Nevada, Las Vegas; Phyllis Currie, Pasadena Water and Power, Pasadena, California; and Doug Peterson, Minnesota Farmers Union, St. Paul.

OIL POLLUTION BILLS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3305, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and S. 3461, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for economic injury caused by the Deepwater Horizon incident, and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to renegotiate the terms of the lease known as "Mississippi Canyon 252" with respect to claims relating to the Deepwater Horizon